

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**Q79840**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Jean Gilbert BOULET

Appln. No.: 10/777,768

Group Art Unit: 3672

Confirmation No.: 2968

Examiner: TSAY, Frank

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For: DRILL STRING ELEMENT HAVING AT LEAST ONE BEARING ZONE, A DRILL  
STRING, AND A TOOL JOINT

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated December 28, 2005, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

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